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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement (paper 8) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2001. A petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including February 15, 2002, and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I - Claims 1, 5-6, 8, 16 and 44-45, drawn to a method of treating a subject having an inflammatory joint disorder by administering an antibody to cadherin-11, classified in Class 424, subclass 143.1.

In response to the species election requirement (paragraphs 8 and 9), Applicants elect the counterreceptor: "B) an integrin" and the cellular functions: "B) factor secretion". The species election is made for search purposes only and it is understood that the claims will be restricted to the elected species only if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently claim 1 is generic.

If any other information is needed, please contact the undersigned attorney by phone (617-720-3500, Ext. 343) to expedite the further prosecution of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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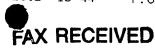
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Response to Restriction Requirement;

[X] Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time

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No check is enclosed. Please charge the fee for the Petition and any underpayment or credit any overpayment to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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